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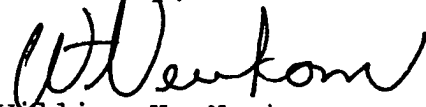
RE: Freedom of Information Act Amendments re: Agency  
Records

Dear Mr. Casey:

At the meeting of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association held August 2-3, 1983, the attached resolution was adopted upon recommendation of the Section of Administrative Law. The action taken thus becomes the official policy of the Association in this matter.

This resolution is transmitted for your information and whatever action you may deem appropriate. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you need any further information, have any questions or if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

  
William H. Neukom

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REPORT NO. 110A

BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association favors amendments to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. §552, consistent with these principles:

Defining Agency Records

Congress should define "agency record" for purposes of the FOIA. The definition should cover any record (1) prepared on behalf of the agency through direct government funding, (2) if the agency has a right to obtain possession of such record, and (3) if such record was relied on by the agency in the performance of an agency rulemaking or adjudicatory function.